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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: